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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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: Martin P. Atkins, et al.

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Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, issued on March 5, 1997, expired on June 5, 1997.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time up to and including July 5, 1997 in which to respond to the Official Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this EXTENSION OF TIME is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on July 7, 1997.

By: A McCollister

Date: July 7, 1997